

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP2004/003115

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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WPI Data, EPO-Internal, PAJ, BIOSIS, EMBASE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>MOLLER C ET AL: "Expression and function of chemokine receptors in human multiple myeloma." LEUKEMIA (BASINGSTOKE), vol. 17, no. 1, 20 January 2003 (2003-01-20), pages 203-210, XP002252455 ISSN: 0887-6924 page 206, paragraph 3; table 1 page 208, last paragraph; table 2 --- -/--</p>	1-13

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X	<p>WRIGHT DOUGLAS E ET AL: "Hematopoietic stem cells are uniquely selective in their migratory response to chemokines." JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE, vol. 195, no. 9, 6 May 2002 (2002-05-06), pages 1145-1154, XP002252456 May 6, 2002 ISSN: 0022-1007 abstract</p>	1-13
X	<p>WO 00/46248 A (SCHERING CORP) 10 August 2000 (2000-08-10) claims 1,2 page 15, line 1 - line 29</p>	1-13
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A	<p>AIUTI A ET AL: "THE CHEMOKINE SDF-1 IS A CHEMOATTRACTANT FOR HUMAN CD34+ HEMATOPOIETIC PROGENITOR CELLS AND PROVIDES A NEW MECHANISM TO EXPLAIN THE MOBILIZATION OF CD34+ PROGENITORS TO PERIPHERAL BLOOD" JOURNAL OF EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE, TOKYO, JP, vol. 185, no. 1, 1997, pages 111-120, XP000866066 ISSN: 0022-1007 the whole document</p>	1-13

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A	<p>COLVIN BRIDGET L ET AL: "Chemokines, their receptors, and transplant outcome." TRANSPLANTATION (BALTIMORE), vol. 74, no. 2, 27 July 2002 (2002-07-27), pages 149-155, XP009016007 July 27, 2002 ISSN: 0041-1337 the whole document</p> <p>-----</p>	1-13

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Continuation of Box II.2

Present claims 1,3-13 relate to compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely compounds having an agonistic activity on CCR3, CCR6, or CCR8 receptors.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds of claim 2.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 8-13 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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